THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Air India has earned a net profit of Rs. 81.23 crores (Provisional Estimate) during the year 1990-91.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Emergency Landing of Soviet Plane at Ahmedabad Airport

3501. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soviet plane made an emergency landing at Ahmedabad airport recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any damage has been caused either to aircraft or its crew members; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Construction of Restaurant at Janpath Hotel

3502. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Janpath Hotel of ITDC has undertaken massive construction of restaurant etc. on its laid out park in front of its Mandarin restaurant;

(b) if so, whether the clearance/ permission has been obtained from the concerned authorities for this purpose;

(c) the details of amount sanctioned by the ITDC for this construction; and

(d) the reasons for this addition when the existing restaurants have failed to promote lucrative business?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. However, the area hitherto lying unused outside the Mandarin Restaurant is being converted by ITDC into an open air food plaza by providing food stalls and putting up of sunshades in the shape of ownings.

(b) Does not arise, since no permanent construction is involved.

(c) Government has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 10.00 lakhs for this work to ITDC.

(d) The open air food plaza is meant to provide urgently needed eating facilities specially to the middle/ lower income visitors/tourists to the central Delhi area.

Subsidising Air Fare to and from Agartala

3503. SHRIMATI BIBHU KUMARI DEVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the scarce rail and road transport facilities in Tripura and the absence of rail link with the capital of the state, the Government propose subsidising air fares to and from Agartala; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Both Indian Airlines and Vayudoot are charging lower fares in comparision to the normal fares for their services to and from Agartala to Calcutta and other stations in the North-Eastern Region.

Oil Exploration with Foreign Collaboration

3504. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the location and area of blocks which are under exploration for oil and gas with foreign collaboration and the name of the foreign collaborators;

(b) the location and area of other blocks identified for exploration with foreign collaboration;

(c) the terms and conditions for foreign collaboration already in operation;

(d) the changes, if any, in the terms and conditions offered to private sector

with foreign collaboration compared to the earlier agreements;

(e) whether foreign collaborators with necessary capital resources and technical know-how have been short-listed; and

(f) if so, the names thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (c) At present one block comprising 1620 sq. Kms. in the Krishna-Godavari Offshore area is being explored under a Production Sharing Contract by M/s. International Petroleum Limited and M/s. Hardy Oil and Gas (U.K.) Ltd. Exploration is also being carried out with Soviet assistance under turn-key contracts in Cauvery and West Bengal basins.

(b) and (d) About 72 blocks (both Offshore and Onshore) have been identified for exploration in the proposed Fourth Round of bidding. The Notice Inviting Tenders, which will contain the broad terms and conditions, is yet to be issued.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

New site for Santa Cruz Airport

3505. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the life span of Santa Cruz Airport of Bombay is only upto 2000 A.D.;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to find out the alternative airport;

(c) whether the Government have identified the new site for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There will be a need to build another airport at Bombay early in the next century. Preliminary work in this regard has been started in order to evolve a suitable long-term plan for the additional airport.

(c) and (d) Details in this regard are yet to be finalised.

[Translation]

Linking of districts of Bihar with Capital

3506. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts of Bihar which have not been linked with air services with its Capital so far;

(b) whether it is proposed to link each district with the Capital by air-services during 1991-92;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Ranchi is the only station airlinked by Indian Airlines in Bihar with its Capital.

(b) to (d) Places are airlinked not on the basis of their being District Headquarters but on the basis of the economic viability of providing air services to them. It is not a feasible proposition to provide air links to all the District Headquarters in the country.

[English]

Overbridge at level crossing at Kishanganj / Dalkoha

3507. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to construct an overbridge at National Highway level crossing at Kishanganj/ Dalkoha on Katihar section (Bihar);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir; the State Government/National Highway Authority have initiated proposals for both the works.